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Board held on the 17th September 1955 in the office of the Director of Backward Class Welfare, Poona.

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The 69th meeting of the Backward Class Board was held on Saturday the 17th September 1955 at 2P.M. in the office of the Director of Backward Class Welfare, Bombay State, Poona. Shri G. D. Tapase, Minister for Backward Classes presided. Shri D.N. Wandrekar, Deputy Minister for Backward Classes, was also present. The following members were present:-

1. Shri B.B.Nandare, M.L.A.
2. " V.D. Jadhav, M.L.A.
3. " A.N. Babaria, M.L.A.
4. " V.G. Kalambate, M.L.A.
5. " P.P. Chhede, M.L.C.
6. " P.L. Majmudar.
7. " V.N. Upadhye.
8. " Bhaurao P. Patil
9. " L.D. Nimam, M.L.A.
10. " L.B. Bhingardeve, M.L.A.
11. " G.S.Kharat, M.L.A.
12. " R.S. Kanjrolkar.
13. " V.N.Naik, M.L.A.
14. " P.J.Solanki, M.L.A.
15. " B.M.Nemanshi, Deputy Director of Education.
16. " D.B. Kamble, I.A.S., Director of Backward Class Welfare, Bombay State, Poona (Ex-officio Member-Secretary)

Shrimati Lilavati H. Desai, M.L.C, and Shri S.L. Peje M.L.A. had expressed their inability to attend the meeting owing to other engagements. Shri S.F. Kotur had expressed his inability to attend the meeting on account of his illness.

The following persons were present on invitation:-

1). Shri D.G. Hosangadi, Under Secretary to Government Revenue Department.

2) " S.N. Namjoshi, Assistant Secretary, Local Self Government and Public Health Deptt

3). " G.S. Patka, Regional Publicity Officer, Poona

Shri L.G. Majwade, I.C.S. Joint Secretary to Government Rehabilitation, Housing and Backward Classes Department and Shri Y.D. Jagel, Assistant to Government Rehabilitation Housing and Backward Classes Department were also present.

passed at the 69th meeting of the Backward Class Board held on 6-4-1955 were circulated to Members in Hindi.

3. Initially there was general discussion on some points. Most of them were explained on the spot.

(1) Shri V.N. Naik pointed out that Backward Class students in the Robert Money High School, Bombay, were not getting free studentship concession. The Deputy Director of Education pointed out that the school in question was an industrial school and the matter had been referred to the Director of Technical Education, who would take necessary action in the matter.

(2) Shri P.L. Majmudar expressed that fees were being recovered from Backward Class students in a number of secondary schools. The Deputy Director of Education explained that instructions had already been issued directing the Heads of Educational Institutions not to recover fees from Backward Class pupils and that if any concrete instances of hardship were brought to the notice of this Department, they would be enquired into. The members, however, expressed the desire that a fresh circular might be issued by the Director of Education in this respect and copies thereof supplied to the members of the Board for information.

(3). Some members put forth their view that the rule that Backward Class students reading in colleges having two consecutive failures in the same examination should be permanently debarred from receiving any educational concessions worked very harshly on the Backward Class students especially in Engineering and Medical Colleges. The Chairman stated that this decision was taken by Government after a careful consideration.

(4). Shri Majmudar drew the attention of the Board to the orders passed on Resolution No. 2 passed at the 69th meeting of the Backward Class Board held on 6-4-1955 regarding condonation of one failure straight away for assessment of grant to Voluntary Agencies in the case of inmates of aided Backward Class hostels and stated that the decision might be reconsidered by Government. The Chairman explained that the rules for the award of free-

were being amended so as toallow the failures (one in Standards VIII to X and another in XI Std.). If that is accepted the Hostels rules would also be amended in the light of these rules.

(5) Shri Majmudar stated that he had referred to Government certa-in cases of Backward Class scholars who received Government of India scholarships the value of which was less than the state concessions. The Chairman assured that the matter would be looked into.

[The difference between the Govt. of India Scholarship and the State concessions was not paid to these students.]

(6) Shri Majmudar stated that Backward Class teachers deputed by School Boards for training who were neither in receipt of duty pay or stipend, should be paid a stipend of Rs. 20/-.- The Deputy Director of Education explained that the question whether Backward Class Primary School teachers deputed by School Boards not in receipt of stipend or duty pay, should be given only to outsiders who join Primary Training Colleges on their own, was referred to Government. The Chairman stated the number of 560 stipends was inadequate to meet the requirements of the present day and that the Director of Education might submit proposals for increasing this number of stipends suitably. The Deputy Director of Education agreed to appraise the Director of Education ofthis.

[the benefit of the 560 stipends or whether these stipends should be given]

(7). Some members stated that Backward Class teachers in primary schools run by Voluntary Agencies who had secured less than 40% marks were not absorbed in the service of school Boards when Government took over that school andthat the limit of 40 per cent marks was made uniformaly applicable to all teachers whether backward or non-backward. The general view was that for the Backward Class teachers a lower limit of marks might be prescribed. Further it was pointed out by some members that there were very few teachers belonging to the Backward Classes who were eeemployed in private primary schools and that lowering ofmarks in favour of Backward Class teachers would not adversely affect the

was asked to inquire as to how many such Backward Class teachers theremay be in private primary schools which are to be taken over by Government.

(8). It was observed that Backward Class teachers in private primary schools with less than 45% marks were not being deputed to primary training colleges. The Deputy Director of Education explained that the limit of marks did not apply to the teachers who were serving either in public or private schools. Most of the members stated that they were ignorant of such orders. The Deputy Director of Education promised tosend a copy of the circular in this respect for information of the members of the Board.

(9) Shri Majmudar stated that fishermen (Maachhis) from Surat district whose huts were damaged by the onrush of sand were not given alternative land. He also stated that he received a negative reply. Alternative land vested in the Agricultural Department might be taken by Revenue Department and given to Machhis who were in need of the same. The Under Secretary to Government (Revenue Department) who was present stated that this question was engaging the attention of Government. Shri Majmudar requested that the question might to be reconsidered.

(10) Shri Majmudar stated that Khar lands wherever available might be given to Backward Class agriculturists revenue free. It was explained that this involved less of revenue to Government, that the expenditure involved in reclaiming these lands was very heavy and that the Backward Classes would not have the means and would not generally be in a position to bear the heavy expenditure. The general opienion of themembers was that if the Backward Classes were prepared to develop such lands at their own cost such lands might be given to them revenue free. The Chairman stated that this question would be considered by Government.

(11). Shri Majmudr stated that under P.W.R. Scheme No. 219 the limits of estimated cost on which loans were sanctioned to Backward Class Cooperative Housing Societies were prescribed

Ahmedabad etc. and in other places as Rs.800 &e and Rs.1,000 and Rs.1,500 according to local ~~authority~~ conditions. He requested that the limit of Rs.2,000/-which was formerly fixed may also be revived. The Chairman explained that he would look into the matter.

(12) Shri Majmudar stressed the point of granting T.A. to inferior village servants while they go to taluka places at a distance of 10 to 15 miles. He further stated that the past resolution of the Board on the subject was rejected by Government. The Chairman stated that this questinn was very ~~sucess~~ carefully considered and after a careful consider--ation of the matter, Government ca-me to the decision not to give any T.A. to inferior (pasayata holders)village servants.

(13) Shri Majmudar pointed out that while there was provisnon for gramophone pins, repairs to sets etc. under the scheme of establishment of Sanskar Kendras for Harijans there was no provision for the purpeesechase of radio sets or gramaphones. The Chairman assured that the mater would be looked into.

(14). Some members suggested that Backward Class students in receipt of Government of India scholarships might be allowed to receive monetary help from non Government institutions It was explained that the matter had been referred to the Government of India.

(15). Shri Ghodke stated that the Government waste lands in the Savanur and Haveri divisions of the Dharwar district were not being disposed of according to the Government orders and that probably this mightbe due to the ignorance of the Revenue Officers of the up-to- date Government orders in this respect. The Chairman stated that the matter would be enquired into.

(16) Shri Chodke and some others pointed out that it was necessary to lower percentage of marks in the case of admission of female Backward Class candidates to Primary

was either Backward or non Backward. The Chairman suggested to put up a resolution in this respect. A resolution was accordingly moved in this connection with the permission of the Chairman and was acceptedby the Board This resolution is taken as Resolution No. 5 of the meeting.

4. Then the Board took up consideration of the items on the agenda.

5. The minutes or the 68th meeting of theBackward class Bosrd held on 6-4-1955 (copies of which were already circulated) were confirmed.

6. Proposal No.1 regarding betransfer of control and supervision over Backward Class Welfare officers to Collectors, was then taken up for discussion. The Chairman explained the pros and cons of the question. There was a good deal of discussion on the subject, in which the Deputy Minister, Shri V.N. Naik, Shri Majmudar, Shri Bhaorao Patil, Shri Kharat and Shri Bhingardeve participated. The consensus of opinion of kost of the members was that by placing Backward Class Welfare Officers would lose much of their present independence and would not be able to function in an effective manner. Further it was most unlikely that th questions relating to land grants and allied matters would be disposed of expeditiously or in favour of Backward Classes under the proposed new arrangement. Moreover, itwas feared thatthe idea of having an independent Backward Class Department would be defeated. Further, the additional posts of Backward Class Wel Welfare officers were sanctioned recently and the working of the present arrangement might be(accepted) watched at least for a period of three years, and the proposal might be considered in the light of the experience gained. The following resolution was passed:-

under the direct control and supervision of Collectors, the Backward Class Officers

"Resolution No. 1. This Board having carefully explained considered the proposal of Government relating t

the transfer of control and supervision over Backward Class Welfare Officers to Collectors would not be conductive to move satisfactory work of Backward Class Welfare under the new set-up and that the present arrangement be continued for some years more."

7. Proposal No. 2. regarding the expansion of the list of Ex-criminal tribes so as to include communities denotified between August 1944 to August 1949, was then taken up for consideration. The Chairman explained that some of the communities were allowed to enjoy the concessions meant for the Ex-Criminal tribes the expenditure would be very heavy and the State Government would not be in a position to bear this additional expenditure. Moreover, there was no likelihood of Government of India sanctioning the additional funds required for the purpose. If there were any communities such as Ramoshis Vaghris, Mangs etc. which were in need of assistance under the scheme for the Welfare of Ex-Criminal Tribes, they would be considered on merits. In view of explanation, the proposal was not favoured by the Board.

8. Proposal No. 3. regarding exemption of Backward Areas from the operation of the Revised Hospital Rules was then taken up for discussion. It was explained that the exemption from the operation of revised Hospital Rules was already granted to Dangis in the Dange district. The Chairman stated that if the proposal was accepted, it would involve heavy financial liability. In view of the explanation the proposal was dropped.

9. Proposal No. 4. from Shri Majmudar regarding the grant to cosmopolitan hostels was then discussed. Shri Majmudar regarding stressed the necessity of relaxing the rules relating to the audit, registration etc. Such rigid rules scared away the managements of non-Backward Class Hostels from admitting Scheduled caste pupils. There were many such hostels in Gujarat which were willing to admit Scheduled Caste pupils, provided such rules regarding registration and audit etc. were relaxed. For claiming grant for a few Scheduled Caste inmates, it would

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the departmental rules relating to audit and maintenance of accounts. In suitable cases the requirements of these rules might be relaxed. The general sense of the meeting was that many of such institutions being charitable and are required to be registered under Public Trusts Act and as audit and accounts are to be followed therein, and as now a registration under Public Trusts Act is sufficient for the Purpose of grant-in-aid from this Department, the question ofexemption from registration and audit was not favoured by the Board.

With regard to grant to cosmopolitan hostels the sense of the meeting was a non Backward Class Hostels (including sectional and cosmopolitan hostels should be encouraged to ~~submit~~ admit Scheduldd Caste pupils. Their expenditure on Scheduled Caste pupils beadmitted for purposes of grant suhject to limit to be fixed by Government. Such a limit might be higher than the present capitation rate for the Backward Class pupils in general.

(B) Backward Class Hostels, particularly with a mojority of Scheduled caste students should be encouraged to admit a certain small percentage of indigent non-Backward Class deserving pupils with a view to eradicate untouchability and the managements be given grant on their expenditure at some attractive rate to be fixed by Government taking in to consideration the special circumstances. After further discussion the following resolution was passed :-

'Resolution No. 2.:- This Board recommends to Government that non -Backward Class Hostels may be encouraged to admit Schdduled Caste pupils, and their expenditure on Scheduled Caste pupils be admitted for purposes of grant subject to a limit to be fixed by Goverment. Similarly, Backward Class Hostels particularly majority of Scheduled Caste pupils may be encouraged to admit indigent non-Backward Class pupils and the managements of such hostels may be given gra nt on their expenditure on non-Backward Class pupils at a rate to be fixed by Government.

village was then taken up for consideration. The Regional Publicity Officer, Poona who was present stated that about 37,000 institutions (17,000 in Maharashtra, 14,000 in Gujarat and 6,000 in Karnatak) were already being supplied with copies of 'Lok Raj'. After discussion the sense of the meeting was that instructions might be issued to Village Officers to keep the copy of 'Lok raj' in the village Chavadi and allow the Harijans to have free access to it. The proposal to supply of a copy of 'Lok Raj' to every Harijan locality in every village was not favoured by the Board.

11. Proposal No. 6 from Shri. V.N.Upadhye regarding the reservation of vacancies in favour of Backward Classes in services under grant in aid institutions was then taken up for discussion. The sense of the meeting wasthat institutions receiving grant in aid from Government should be required to reserve the percentage of posts under their control for Backward Classes. The exact percentage to be reserved for the Backward Classses may be in the same proportion as hav e been made in the case of Government services and semi-Government bodies. Some members also suggested that the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Burmah shell Company and the Village Industries Board might be instructed to reserve some vacancies in the services under their control for the Backward Classes. The Chairman stated that the matter would be taken by Government. After a good deal of discussion the following resolution was passed:-

"Resolution No. 3 This Board recommends to Government that reservation of vacancies in favour of Backward Classes be made in services under grant in aid institutionsas is done in the case of Government services in the same proportion as have been made in the case of Government services and semi Government bodies."

11. Proposal No. 7. from Shri V.M. Upadhye regarding early implementation of Recommendation No. 55 of the Scavengers Living Conditions Enquiry Committee, was then taken up for discussion. The Assistant Secretary to Government, Local Self Government

and Public Health Department, who was present, pointed out that reports had been called for from the Directors of Local Authorities on the latest position with regard to the implementation of the recommendations of the S.L.C.E. Committee and on receipt of the reports necessary action in the matter would be taken by Government in the light of the reports. In view of this explanation the proposal was not pressed for by the mover.

12. As regards proposal No. 8 refarding the grant of alluvial lands to Backward Classes on a permanent basis, the Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, who was present explained that according to Sections 63and 64 of the Land Revenue Code the grant of such alluvail land is to be ~~less than one acre. This is~~ made to the adjoining holder if such land is mere less than one acre. This is based on the doctrine of Accretion. If the land is more than one acre, it is offered to the riparian holder in the first instance, at a price equal to three times the assessment and in the case he is not prepared to accept the land, it is then disposed of by auction. In this present case however, the lands are granted already to the Backward Class people on annual leases. The sense of the meeting was therefore that alluviallands which are more than one acre may be granted to Backward Classes and if necessay rules in this respect may be amended. The following resolution was passed:-

"Resolution No. 4. This Board recommends to Government that alluvial lands which are already granted to Backward Classes on Eksali basis may be granted to them on a permanent basis and the rules in the land revenue code in that respect may be sutiably amended.

13. Proposal No. 9 regarding the effective implementation of the Untouchability (Offences) Act,1955, was not further discussed. However, it was pointed out to the Board that instructions regarding the implementation of the Untouchability (offences)Act,1955, were already issued by Government.

14. With the permission of the Chair, the following resolution was passed:-

"Resolution No. 5.:- In view of the fact that the Backward Class female primary teacher candidates have not been given any special concession in limits of marks and as it is necessary to lower this mar. list and in case of Backward Class female teachers to encourage them to take to this profession and help to make up the reservation prescribed this Board recommends to Government to lower down the marks limits in this case from 40% to 35%."

The meeting terminated at 4 - 45 p.m.

Secretary,
Backward Class Board.

Chairman,
Backward Class Board.

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